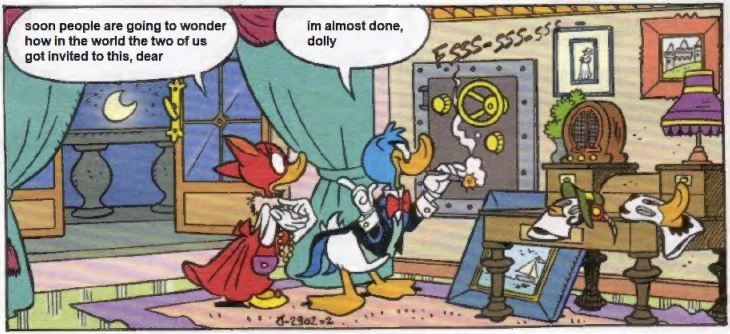
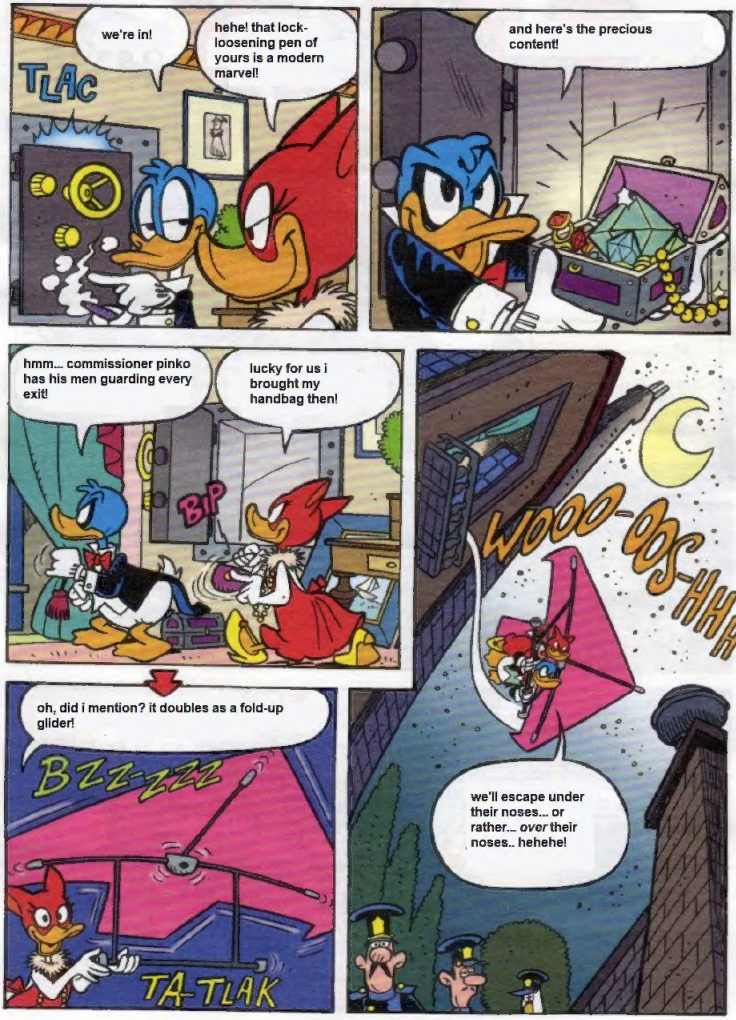
PAPERINIK E IL SEGRETO DI FANTOMIUS

cut to duckburg! early 20th century! at a reception in the villa of the duchess gattacicowa!
the men are at their posts, commissioner!
fantomius couldn't steal the duchess' jewels even if she invited him! haha!
VILLA GATTACICOWA



Testo e disegni di **Marco Gervasio**


we're in!
hehe! that lock-loosening pen of yours is a modern marvel!
TLAC
and here's the precious content!
hmm... commissioner pinko has his men guarding every exit!
lucky for us i brought my handbag then!
BIP
oh, did i mention? it doubles as a fold-up glider!
BZZ-ZZZ
TA-TLAK
WOOO-OOS-HHH
we'll escape under their noses... or rather... *over* their noses.. hehehe!

reports from all the posts, commissioner, not a trace of fantomius!
just as i thought!
ToK
this time, if he wanted to go through with his crimes, he'd have to #-DANGIT
WOOO-OOO-SSH
VILLA GATTACK.COM
oh no! we've been spotted!
to see us is one thing, to stop us is another, my dear.
VILLA GATTACK.COM
sweetie did we really have to take your mid-life crisis to the heist?
don't underestimate the sidecar!
BROOO

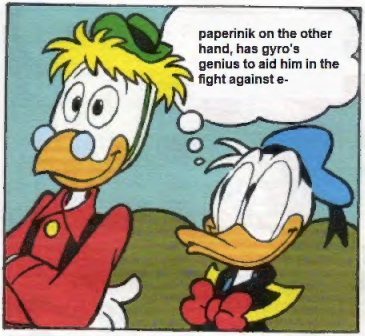
it hides many surprises!
BIP
hmph! bold of him to assume that he can lose us with that dinky cart
UEEEEEEEEEEE
SKREEK
WROOOMMMM

they can't *nail* us down! hehehe!
WROOOOOMMM
SKREEEK
ROSA HILL
BOOM
"gasp!" the tires!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SWIIIISH

i still have you in my sights, fantomius!
you sure about that?
CLIC

COF-COF-COF
"snort" that scoundrel has done it again!!
WROOOM
WOOOSHHH

cut to duckburg present day! and the presentation of a new book by *stephen quack*...
"and so, fantomius successfully evaded the police, and returned to his home in villa rosa!"
STEPHEN QUACK PRESENTS
the amazing adventures of
FANTOMIUS:
gentleman thief
STEPHEN QUACK
FANTOMIUS
EDITORE
and that concludes the first chapter of my new book!
if you want to read the rest... well, you'll have to buy it. heeheehee
CLAP
are there any questions?
how did fantomius have all those gizmos? who constructed them?
he himself! lord quackett, alias of the gentleman thief, was also a *skilled inventor*!


paperinik on the other hand, has gyro's genius to aid him in the fight against e-

thief! you stole my subject! that book should be *mine*!
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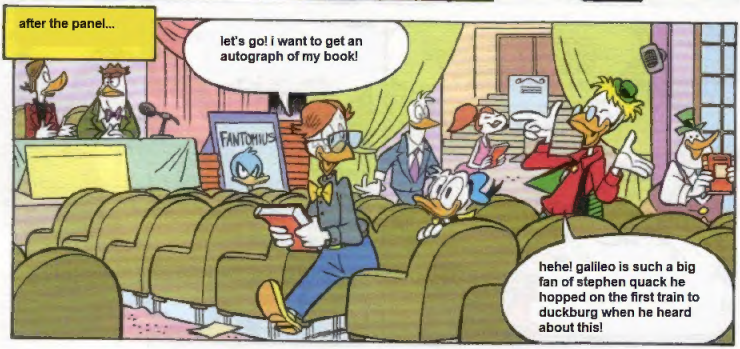
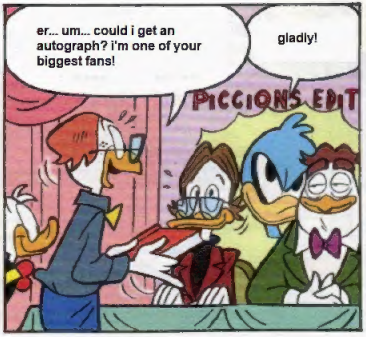
get him out of here!
grr! you'll pay for this!

erm,,, where were we?

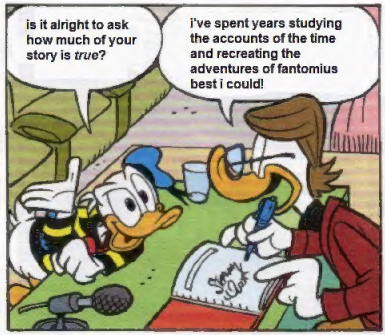

after the panel...
let's go! i want to get an autograph of my book!
FANTOMIUS
hehe! galileo is such a big fan of stephen quack he hopped on the first train to duckburg when he heard about this!

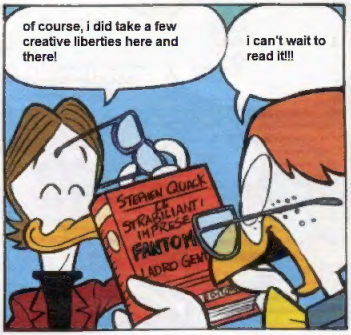
and also to spend a few days with my favorite cousin
we haven't seen each other in ages!
EXIT

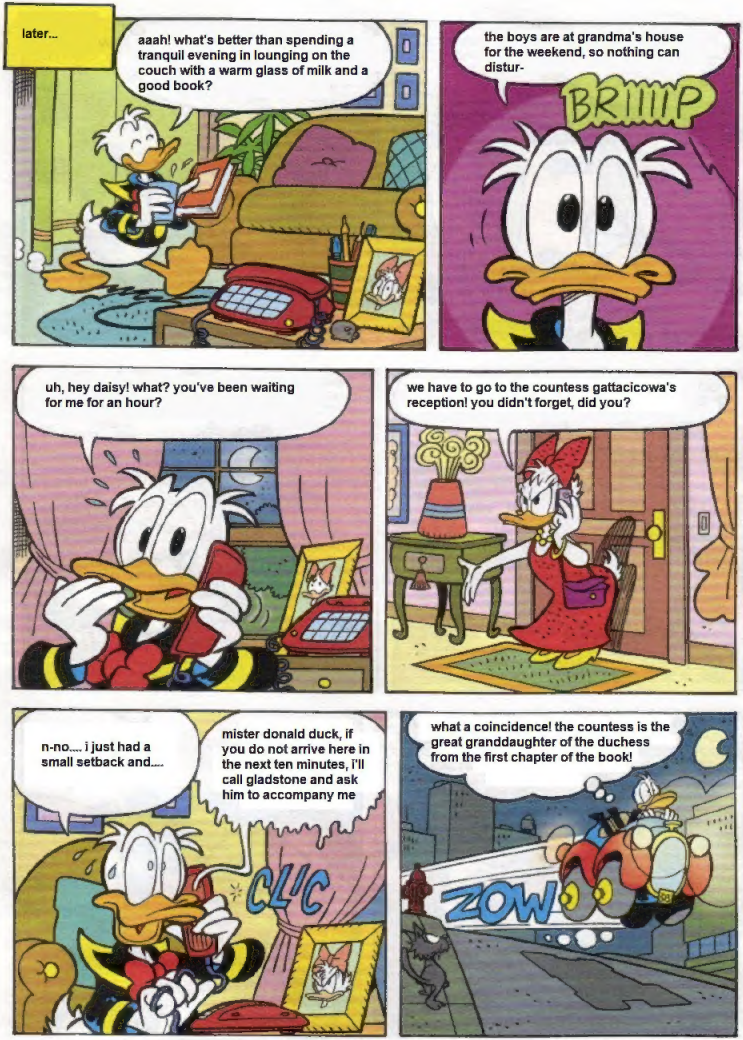

er... um... could i get an autograph? i'm one of your biggest fans!
gladly!
PICCIONS EDIT

do you know that guy who was screaming at you before?
unfortunately, yes, that was dan broom

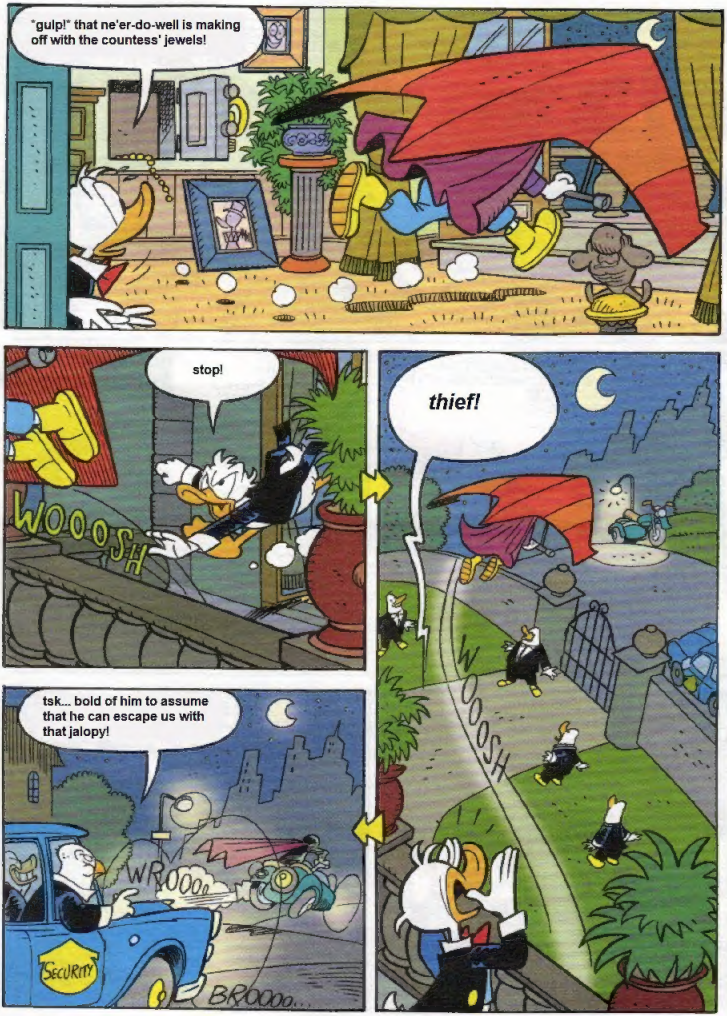
a colleague of mine who's been having a bit of writer's block
that's why he's so jealous of our new best seller!
EDITORE!

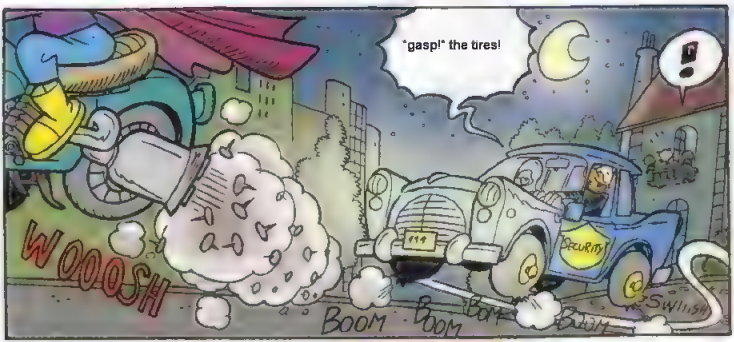

is it alright to ask how much of your story is *true*?
i've spent years studying the accounts of the time and recreating the adventures of fantomius best i could!


of course, i did take a few creative liberties here and there!
i can't wait to read it!!!
STEPHEN QUARK
FANTOM


later...
aaah! what's better than spending a tranquil evening in lounging on the couch with a warm glass of milk and a good book?
the boys are at grandma's house for the weekend, so nothing can distur-
BRIIIIP
uh, hey daisy! what? you've been waiting for me for an hour?
we have to go to the countess gattacicowa's reception! you didn't forget, did you?
n-no.... i just had a small setback and....
mister donald duck, if you do not arrive here in the next ten minutes, i'll call gladstone and ask him to accompany me
CLIC
what a coincidence! the countess is the great granddaughter of the duchess from the first chapter of the book!
ZOW

pff, an evening with a thousand entitled snobs. it's no wonder i forgot about it!
don't make that face! do you want to ruin the party for me?!
i've just received terrible news! i've found out there isn't even a single count in my family tree! how shameful!
well at least we still have our *accounts*
in the red zone...
if i stay down here, i'm stuck. maybe there's somewhere upstairs i can hide
FSSSs
TLAC
nobody's up here! i'm sa-huh?


"gulp!" that ne'er-do-well is making off with the countess' jewels!
stop!
WOOOSH
thief!
WOOOSH
tsk... bold of him to assume that he can escape us with that jalopy!
WROOOo
SECURITY
BROOOo...


"gasp!" the tires!
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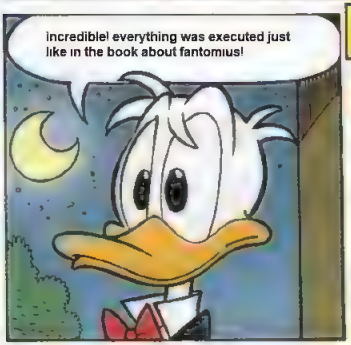
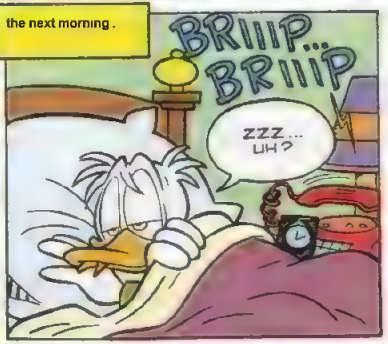
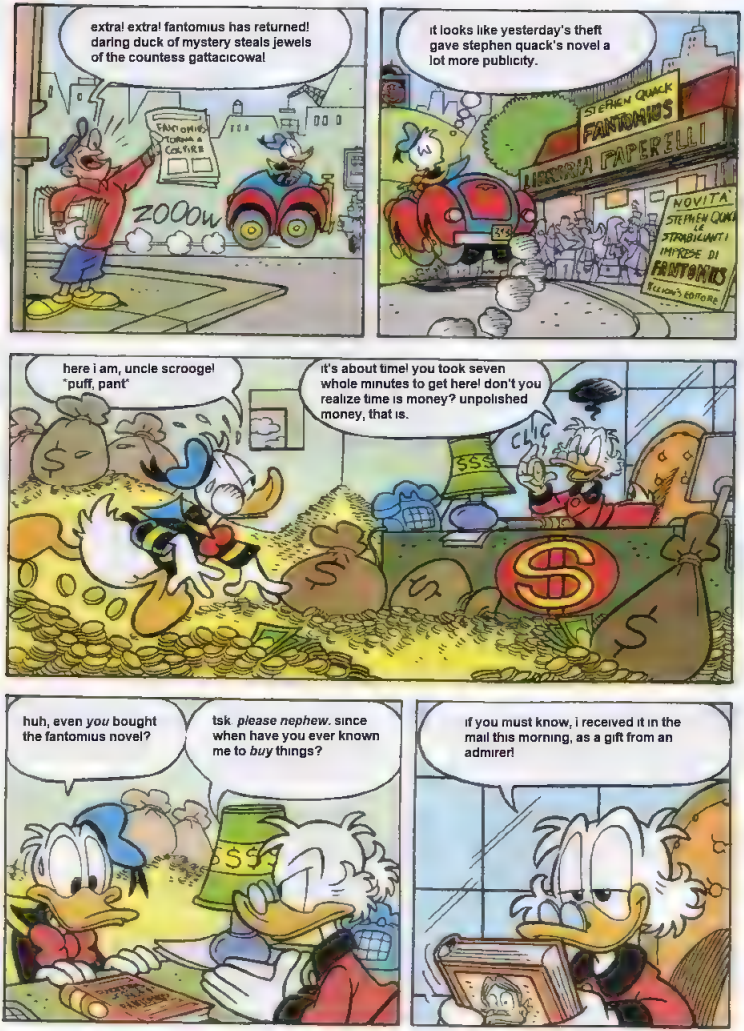
WOOOSH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SWIISH
SECURITY


incredible! everything was executed just like in the book about fantomius!


the next morning.
BRIIIP...
BRIIIP
ZZZ...
UH?

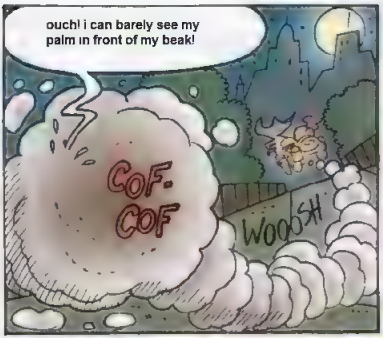
who dares disturb the great donald duck at the crack of dawn?

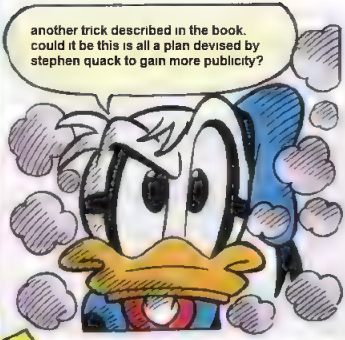
nephew, you have until i put this phone down to get over to the money bin for the weekly money polishing!
urk-!
$$$


extra! extra! fantomius has returned! daring duck of mystery steals jewels of the countess gattacicowa!
FANTOMIUS TORNA A COLPIRE
ZOOOW
it looks like yesterday's theft gave stephen quack's novel a lot more publicity.
STEPHEN QUACK
FANTOMIUS
NOVITA
STEPHEN QUACK LE STRABILIANTI IMPRESE DI FANTOMIUS
here i am, uncle scrooge! "puff, pant"
it's about time! you took seven whole minutes to get here! don't you realize time is money? unpolished money, that is.
CLIC
huh, even *you* bought the fantomius novel?
tsk *please nephew.* since when have you ever known me to *buy* things?
if you must know, i received it in the mail this morning, as a gift from an admirer!

along with this lamp! and the book has the inscription as well: "a book that'll make you dream big"
a free book and lamp! what better way is there to start the morning?
MMM
that night...
i hope this story really will help me fall asle-
...ZZZ !
the count was reading in his bed when the diabolical hypnotic lamp, which had been given to him by fantomius himself, started to take its effect
"gulp!" just like the one uncle scrooge received!
CLAP

i hope i make it in time!
WOOOOSH
he didn't.
im too late!
ZZZ
$$$
and now the thief is getting away!
but he wont escape me this time!
hehe! you can save the nails! i dont run on tires!
BOING
BOING


ouch! i can barely see my palm in front of my beak!
COF. COF
WOOSH

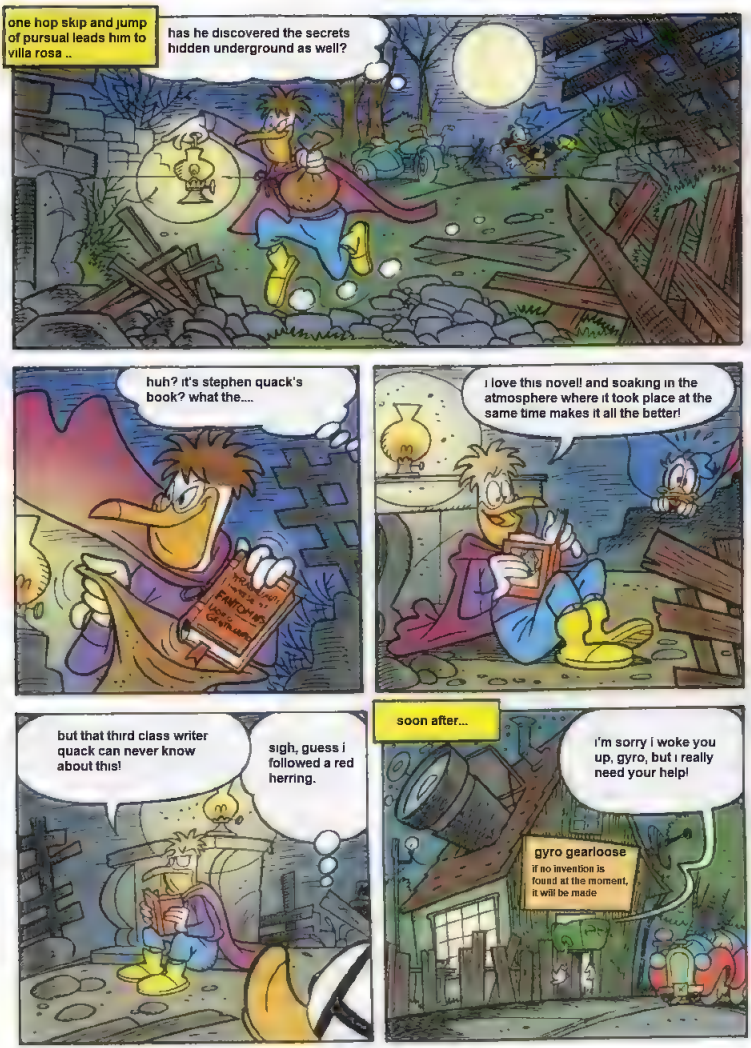

another trick described in the book. could it be this is all a plan devised by stephen quack to gain more publicity?

well, if he *is* the masked thief, then i know where to find him!
BOING BOING BOING

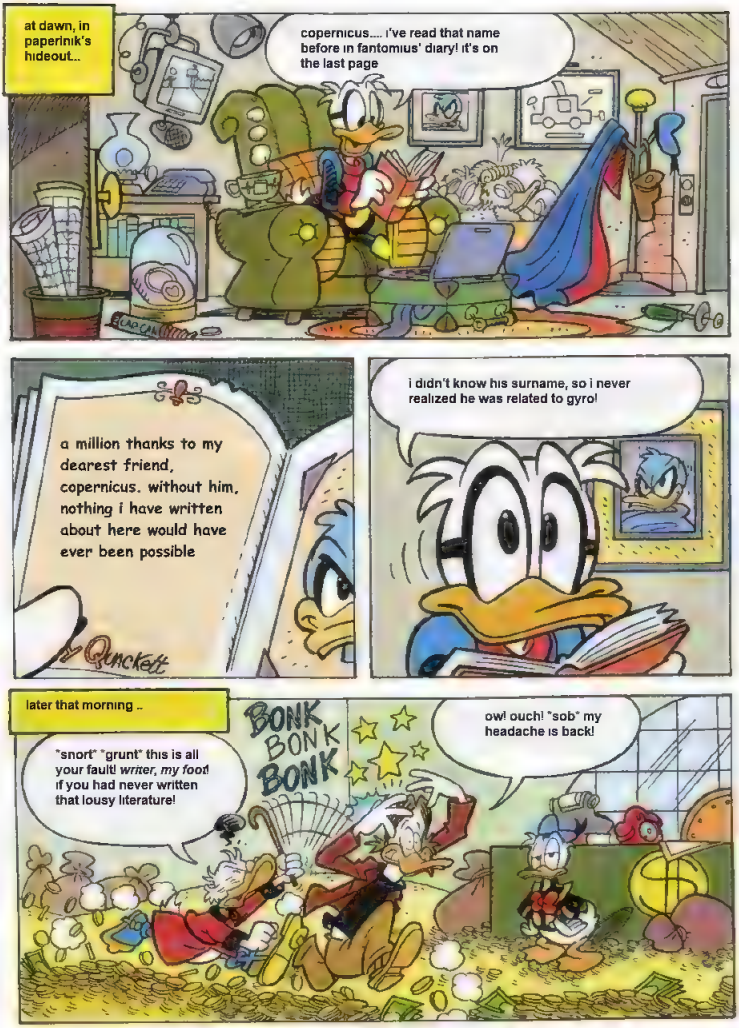
and...
it was way too easy to get in here! now to-uh...
here, have some camomile. after a night like tonight, it'll do you some good.

stop right there, new fantomius!
SLAM
CRASH
AAAH!
P-PAPERINIK?!

there's been another theft inspired by my novel, huh? i wouldn't know anything about it, as i've been sick all day
considering your puny state, i'm inclined to believe you
hmmph! it's obvious someone has it out for stephen and is trying to frame him for the crimes!
hmm... you could be right...
and if that's the case, i think i know who that "someone" is.
"i'll give him a visit, pronto!"
everything seems calm ..
"gulp!" he's got a sack! could it contain the items of his last act of thievery?
SCREEEK
aha! and a midlife crisis mobile with a sidecar! my doubts are wearing thin
BRO

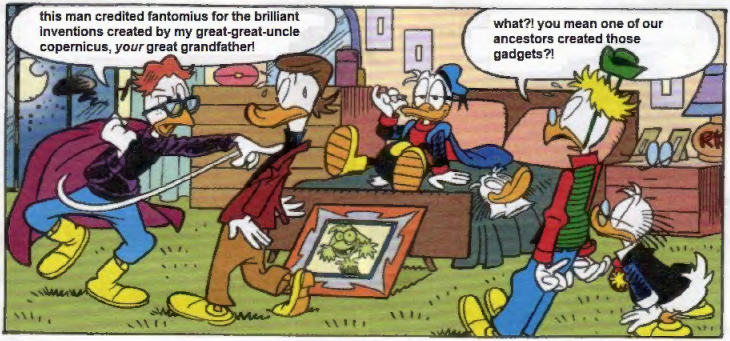

one hop skip and jump of pursual leads him to villa rosa ..
has he discovered the secrets hidden underground as well?
huh? it's stephen quack's book? what the....
PANTOMIME
i love this novel! and soaking in the atmosphere where it took place at the same time makes it all the better!
but that third class writer quack can never know about this!
sigh, guess i followed a red herring.
soon after...
i'm sorry i woke you up, gyro, but i really need your help!
gyro gearloose
if no invention is found at the moment, it will be made

the springs in my boots got damaged while i was tailing a suspect
it's no problem paperinik, just try not to wake my cousin.
STOMP
galileo, you good?
uh,, yeah im fine. i just had a nightmare and fell out of be-*gulp*
seems like everyone's been having rough nights lately don't mind me, i'm just here to repair my "tools of the trade"
some of your "tools" resemble those mentioned in the book, did you know that?
the "incriminating" book! have you read it as well?
yeah, i was curious to see if my great grandfather, copernicus gearloose, was mentioned at all. he was a good friend of lord quackett's
but there was nothing! not even a hint of him!

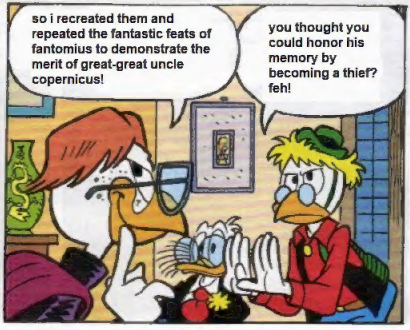

at dawn, in paperink's hideout...
copernicus.... i've read that name before in fantomius' diary! it's on the last page
a million thanks to my dearest friend, copernicus. without him, nothing i have written about here would have ever been possible
Quackett
i didn't know his surname, so i never realized he was related to gyro!
later that morning ..
"snort" "grunt" this is all your fault! *writer, my foot!* if you had never written that lousy literature!
BONK BONK BONK
ow! ouch! "sob" my headache is back!

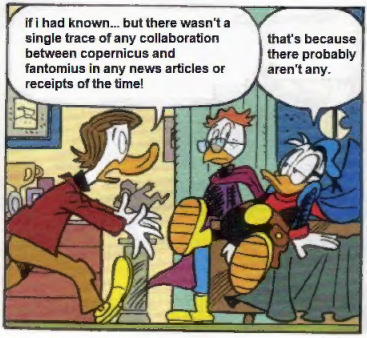
calm down, uncle scrooge! if the thief is copying all of fantomius' exploits as recounted in the novel....
...that means the next thing our thief will steal is a paint by beakasso called "the sleeping beauty"
however, that eccentric artist has painted only one other painting, "the rude awakening," which currently belongs to john d. rockerduck!
here's the plan! i'll start by warning my buddy paperinik!
don't worry, there's no rush!
no need to bother masked heroes with puny little robberies where no one is hurt save some stupid pseudo-rich hat-eater.
that night, at rockerduck's place...
RK

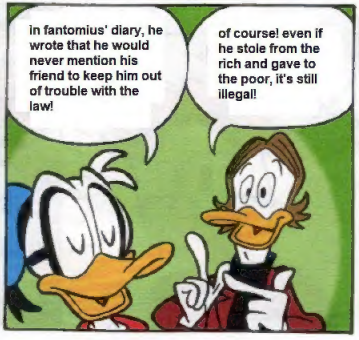
TLAK
hehe, the lock loosening pen works perfectly...
WOOOSH
teh r00d awakenin xD
a simple splash of soporific spray should suffice!
KSSSS...
STAK
and now "the rude awakening" has a new owner...
that's what you think, new fantomius!
GULP!
or should i say, galileo gearloose?
why'd you do it, galileo?
CLIK
hmph! you should understand why better than anyone, cousin.

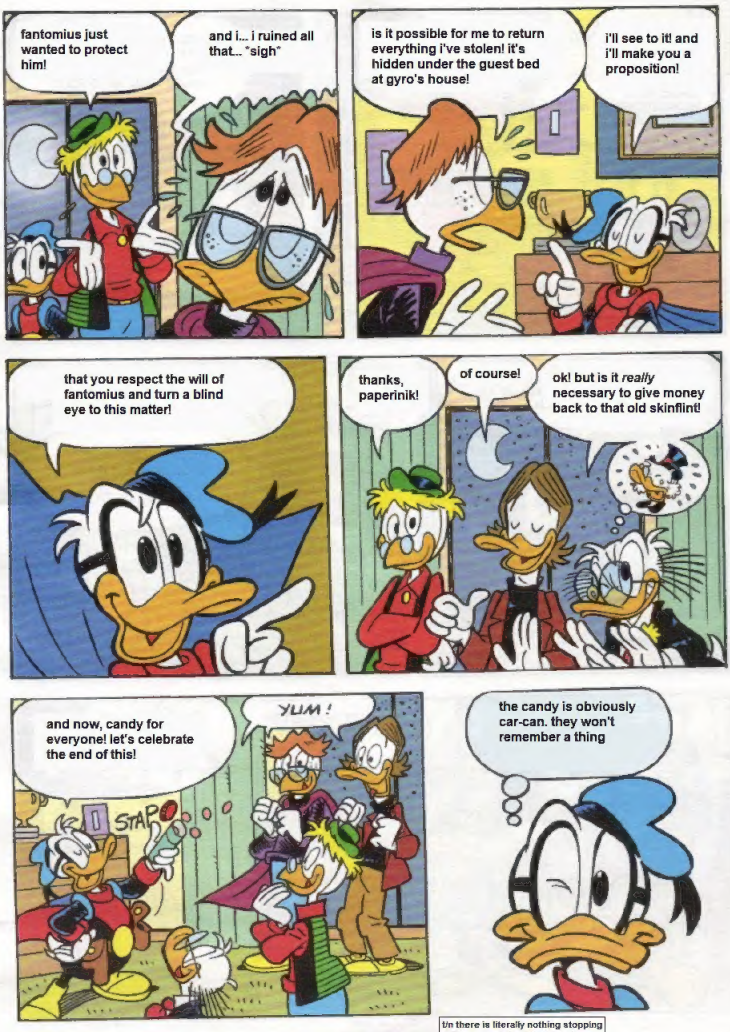

this man credited fantomius for the brilliant inventions created by my great-great-uncle copernicus, *your* great grandfather!
what?! you mean one of our ancestors created those gadgets?!

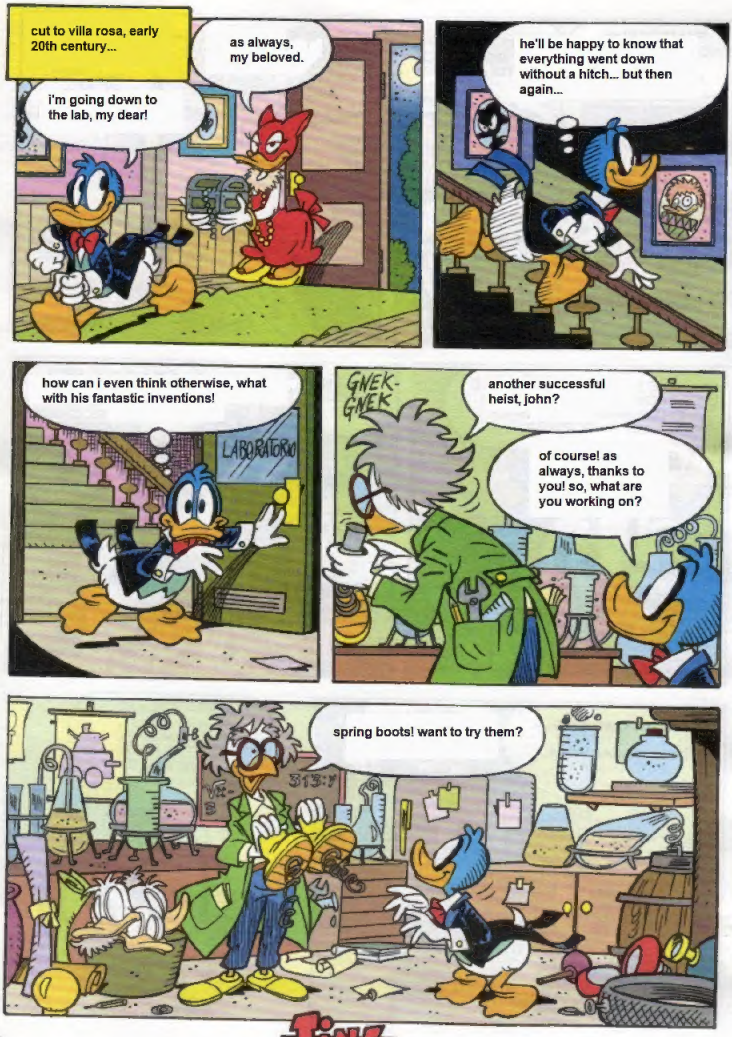
that's right! i found a folder of all his projects, and descriptions about them, that he had done for lord quackett!


so i recreated them and repeated the fantastic feats of fantomius to demonstrate the merit of great-great uncle copernicus!
you thought you could honor his memory by becoming a thief? feh!


if i had known... but there wasn't a single trace of any collaboration between copernicus and fantomius in any news articles or receipts of the time!
that's because there probably aren't any.


in fantomius' diary, he wrote that he would never mention his friend to keep him out of trouble with the law!
of course! even if he stole from the rich and gave to the poor, it's still illegal!


fantomius just wanted to protect him!
and i... i ruined all that... "sigh"
is it possible for me to return everything i've stolen! it's hidden under the guest bed at gyro's house!
i'll see to it! and i'll make you a proposition!
that you respect the will of fantomius and turn a blind eye to this matter!
thanks, paperinik!
of course!
ok! but is it *really* necessary to give money back to that old skinflint!
and now, candy for everyone! let's celebrate the end of this!
YUM!
STAP
the candy is obviously car-can. they won't remember a thing
t/n there is literally nothing stopping galileo from doing this all again....


cut to villa rosa, early 20th century...
as always, my beloved.
i'm going down to the lab, my dear!
he'll be happy to know that everything went down without a hitch... but then again...
how can i even think otherwise, what with his fantastic inventions!
LABORATORIO
GNEK-GNEK
another successful heist, john?
of course! as always, thanks to you! so, what are you working on?
spring boots! want to try them?